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Published in the February 28, 2003, *Texas Register*

Text of public notice announcing the public meeting regarding the no further action and proposed deletion from the state Superfund registry. Published in the March 12, 2004, *Texas Register* and *Henderson Daily News*

State Superfund Registry publications listing the Crim-Hammett site

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Overview of Community Relations Plan

This community relations plan (CRP) identifies issues of community concern regarding the Crim-Hammett Proposed State Superfund Site (Crim-Hammett) located in the city of Henderson in Rusk County, Texas. This CRP also outlines the anticipated community relations activities to be conducted during each phase of the cleanup at the Crim-Hammett site.

The Crim-Hammett CRP has been prepared to aid the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in developing a community relations program tailored to the needs of the community affected by the Crim-Hammett site. The TCEQ will conduct community relations activities to ensure that the local public has input to decisions and access to information about Superfund activities at the Crim-Hammett site.

The TCEQ has the responsibility for managing the cleanup of this site, and the TCEQ Remediation Division will oversee all community relations activities at the site.

Note: The State predecessor agencies Texas Water Quality Board (TWQB), Texas Department of Water Resources (TDWR), Texas Water Commission (TWC), Texas Air Control Board (TACB), and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) referred to in this plan are now known as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The new agency name, TCEQ, became effective September 1, 2002, as mandated under State House Bill 2912 of the 77th Regular Legislative Session.

Site Profile

Site Location and Description:

32° 10' 03" North Latitude, 94° 48' 01" West Longitude

The site is located at 801 Highway 64, Henderson, Rusk County, Texas.

The Crim-Hammett site (site) occupies approximately 3.6 acres south of Highway 64, in north Henderson, Texas.

Background and Operating History:

The site was owned by members of the Crim family from September 21, 1928 until April 18, 1990. An International Harvester franchise was documented in Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, to begin operations at the site on August 14, 1961. The franchise was dissolved on March 5, 1986. On April 18, 1990, the site was purchased by Scott Hammett from the Crim Family.

On April 13, 1993, Richard Cain, an interested purchaser, initiated a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the site. However, after receiving a verbal report of the assessment findings by Ana-Lab Corp, Mr. Cain stopped the assessment before the final report was prepared. On March 6, 1994, Mr. Hammett notified the TNRCC of contamination buried at the Crim-Hammett site.

During the Crim family's ownership of the site, an alleged landfill was used for the burial of waste oil, oil filters, fuel tanks, tires, wood chips, drums, and battery chips. Previous excavations on-site to identify the landfill materials may have resulted in hazardous substances being left on the site's surface. A comparison of aerial photographs from 1939 and 1960 show the area of the alleged landfill located on the northwest corner of Thompson Lake had been converted to land.

The alleged landfill and contaminated soil are located at the west and southwest areas of the site. Sample analysis results from a TNRCC Screening Site Inspection (SSI) conducted in February 1996 indicated the following contaminants detected in on-site soils: antimony (31.1 parts per million), barium (161 parts per million), cadmium (9.3 parts per million), copper (1,135 parts per million), lead (17,900 parts per million), zinc (137 parts per million), heptachlor (14.0 parts per billion), 4,4'-DDD (110.0 parts per billion), and aroclor-1260 (2,600 parts per billion).

The February 1996 SSI sampling event also documented hazardous substances in Thompson Lake and Hardy Creek wetlands sediment located downstream from the site. Observed releases of arsenic (19.3 parts per million), chromium (58.0 parts per million), lead (123 parts per million), vanadium (78.4 parts per million), 4,4'-DDD (30 parts per billion), and chrysene (620 parts per billion) were detected in the sediment samples. No drinking water intakes are located within the 15-mile target distance limit (TDL). Neither Thompson Lake, nor the remainder of the 15-mile TDL are considered fisheries. Thompson Lake is classified as a Palustrine/Open Water/Diked/impounded wetland. However, the Thompson Lake wetland is a deepwater wetland which does not qualify as an Hazard Ranking System (HRS) eligible wetland. Hardy Creek is classified as a Palustrine/Forested/Broad-Leaved Deciduous/Temporary Water Regime wetlands (PFO1A) which is eligible to be used as an HRS wetland area. The PFO1A wetland begins at the Thompson Lake spillway and extends 1.2 miles along Hardy Creek to a point just south of Main Street. Sediment sample location SE-02 was the furthest downstream point that lead was detected (see Figure 3, Sample Location Map).

Threatened and endangered species which may use habitat within a 4-mile radius of the site are the red-cockaded woodpecker, bald eagle, Louisiana pine snake, alligator snapping turtle, and the southern redback salamander.

Chronology of State Superfund Activities

March 15, 2000, a hazard ranking system (HRS) documentation record was prepared for the Crim-Hammett site.

July 21, 2000, legal notices were published in the *Texas Register*, (25 TexReg 7039-7040) and the *Henderson Daily News*, describing the site, proposing the site for listing on the state Superfund registry, and also proposing commercial/industrial land use specifications for remediation of the site contamination. The non-residential use of the land may be considered in any remedial action proposed for the site.

August 15, 2000, effective date of a TNRCC work order for construction of a site perimeter fence to limit unauthorized access and for installation of signs warning of contamination.

August 31, 2000, a public meeting was held at the Council Chambers of Henderson City Hall to receive citizen comments on the proposal of the site for listing on the state Superfund registry. Explanatory responses were provided to questions and concerns.

December 13, 2000, TNRCC issued a work order to begin the first phase of the remedial investigation.

June 2001, site perimeter fence to limit unauthorized access was completed, and signs were posted on the fence warning of contamination.

October 2001, results of the preliminary remedial investigation indicated that the contaminants of concern are lead in the soil, and benzene, toluene, ethylene, xylene (BTEX) – a chemical composition primarily used in gasoline production – and lead in the groundwater.

February 20, 2002, TNRCC received the finalized technical memorandum of the first phase of the remedial investigation.

April 4, 2002, TNRCC issued a work order for the second phase of the remedial investigation.

June 7-17, 2002, the second phase of the field work investigation was performed at the site.

August 16, 2002, TNRCC took samples of soil around an underground storage tank and the contents of the tank.

September 1, 2002, effective date of the name change from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

December 20, 2002, additional field work was completed to fully delineate surface and subsurface contamination at the site.

February 28, 2003, a legal notice was published in the *Texas Register* (28 TexReg 1969-1970) announcing the intent to perform a removal action at the site.

May 5, 2003, TCEQ's contractor began excavation of battery chips at the site.

June 4, 2003, TCEQ's contractor removed a 1,000 gallon underground storage tank, and disposed of it at an approved off-site landfill.

June 27, 2003, excavation was completed of 2,508 cubic yards of material from the site, and disposal of the material at the Pinehill landfill in Kilgore, Texas.

August 19, 2003, a memo was placed in the file, noting that the site had been remediated to industrial / commercial cleanup levels. No further remedial action is planned under Superfund.

March 12, 2004, a legal notice was published in the *Texas Register* and *Henderson Daily News* announcing upcoming no further action and proposed deletion from the state Superfund registry public meeting.

April 22, 2004, a public meeting was scheduled in the council chambers of Henderson City Hall to discuss the no further remedial action and site deletion from the state Superfund registry.

Community Profile

Rusk County, located in northeast Texas, has an economy supported by oil, lumbering, agriculture and tourism.

The Crim-Hammet site is located in the northwest quadrant of the city of Henderson. Henderson is the county seat of Rusk County.

In 2000 the U.S. Census Bureau estimated the population of Rusk County at 47,372, an 8.32% increase from the 1990 U.S. Census estimate. The 2000 ethnicity estimates of Rusk County by the U.S. Census were: white, 71.6%; black, 19.3%; Hispanic, 8.4%; and other .64%.

Community Involvement and Concerns

There have been limited inquiries on the Crim-Hammett site.

In early 2002, an inquiry was received on the responsibilities for cleanup of the site if the property were purchased while contaminated. In mid-2002, another inquiry was received regarding the results of the agency's sampling to date.

Specific Objectives of the Community Relations Program

- A . Maintain open communications between the TCEQ, City of Henderson, Rusk County and state officials and concerned citizens.
- B. Continue to expand the mailing list to include additional agencies, organizations, and residents that are interested in the project.
- C. Provide a central information contact from whom interested parties can receive information on site activities, project status, and study results.
- D. Provide all information, especially technical findings, in a language that is understandable to the general public and in a form useful to interested citizens and elected officials through the preparation of fact sheets and news releases, when major findings become available during project phases.
- E. Monitor community concerns and information requirements as the project progresses by monitoring the community response to news releases and community meetings.
- F. Modify the community relations plan as changes in community attitudes and needs occur and maintain accuracy during different project phases.

Community Relations Techniques

- A. Project Status Briefings for community groups and concerned citizens (may include public meetings, if needed) - To periodically inform the general community of significant project developments and findings; to respond to inquiries accordingly and incorporate local concerns into the decision making process as appropriate.
- B. Project Mailing List - To provide the means through which press releases, project status reports and other significant communications can be distributed to concerned groups and individuals.
- C. Public Consultations - To conduct informal meetings (if needed) with residents. To provide an opportunity for affected residents to express any concerns and to make inquiries to insure effective two-way communication.
- D. Program Document Repositories - To maintain easily accessible repositories through which the public may review project outputs. The public will be periodically informed of the availability of project documents and the location of repositories via techniques A through C.
- E. TCEQ State Superfund Internet Homepage - provide current, timely information on state Superfund activities on the World Wide Web at: www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/permitting/remed/superfund/crim.html
- F. Revise community relations plan - To reflect changes in site activities or local concerns.

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